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**KATHLEEN MCKINNEY NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF NLRB'S NEW ORLEANS, LA REGIONAL OFFICE**

National Labor Relations Board Chairman Peter C. Schaumber and General Counsel Ronald Meisburg today announced the appointment of M. Kathleen McKinney as the Regional Director of the NLRB's Regional Office in New Orleans, LA (Region 15). Ms. McKinney succeeds Rodney D. Johnson, who retired on January 3, 2008.

A career NLRB employee, Ms. McKinney has been serving since 2006 as the Deputy Director in the New Orleans office. In her new position, Ms. McKinney will supervise the handling of NLRB cases arising in Louisiana, southern Mississippi, southern Alabama, and the panhandle of Florida.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

In announcing the appointment, Chairman Schaumber and General Counsel Meisburg stated:

Kathy McKinney brings a wealth of experience and a high level of professionalism and dedication to her new position that will certainly enable her to continue Region 15's excellent record of quality work. During her years of service with the Agency, not only has Kathy acquired a well-deserved reputation as a principled and knowledgeable Agency manager but she demonstrated crucial leadership skills as part of the management team re-establishing the Agency's operations in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Kathy has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the needs of the public this Agency serves and we are fortunate to have her in this position.

Ms. McKinney earned her B.A. degree from Jacksonville University in 1984 and her J.D. degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1989. She has served her entire career in the New Orleans Regional Office, starting in 1990 as a Field Attorney. She was promoted to Deputy Regional Attorney in 2000, Regional Attorney in 2003, and Deputy Regional Director in 2006.

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